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Dear Michael

Response to the draft Part J of the network code (contained within the document entitled *Changes to Access Rights: Final Conclusions, June 2004*)

I enclose a copy of our response to the draft Part J of the network code contained within the Regulator's final conclusions on changes to access rights, including a mark-up of the draft Part J.

We support much that is proposed in the draft and consider that the key issues are those relating to the scope and practical application of the requirements on Network Rail of the new Condition J12 that would require Network Rail to publish on its website notices and processes. We will shortly be providing our response to the Regulator's consultation on the first phase of network code reform and will then more fully respond to the issue of website publication requirements. Points of clarification of certain provisions within the draft of Part J are identified in the mark-up attached in the Annex to the main document.

I am copying our response to John Larkinson at the SRA.

We do not wish to keep any of our response confidential.

Yours sincerely

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